

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

**Listing of claims:**

1           1. (currently amended) A method of trial purchase for allowing users of a  
2           plurality of terminals connected to commodity providing means through a  
3           network to experience a purchase procedure of a commodity provided from  
4           said commodity providing means through said network, said method  
5           comprising the steps of:  
6                     displaying information on a commodity provided from said commodity  
7           providing means for trial purchase on one of said terminals;  
8                     determining whether or not the user has already performed a trial  
9           purchase procedure;  
10                    if said determination is "no", performing for the user using said  
11           terminal said purchase procedure for trial purchase by the user using said  
12           terminal; and  
13                    if said determination is "yes", notifying the user at said terminal that  
14           said trial purchase procedure cannot be provided limiting further use of said  
15           purchase procedure by users who have had prior experience with said  
16           purchase procedure.

1           2. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further  
2           comprising the steps of:  
3                     previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;  
4           and  
5                     providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously stored  
6           destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
7           terminal.

- 1        3. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, further  
2        comprising the steps of:  
3                previously storing a destination of said commodity for trial purchase;  
4                displaying said previously stored destination on said terminal when  
5        said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said terminal; and  
6                designating said previously stored destination or a newly designated  
7        destination as a destination of said commodity.
- 1        4. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, further  
2        comprising the step of storing said newly designated destination.
- 1        5. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 1, wherein said  
2        commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.
- 1        6. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 2, wherein said  
2        commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.
- 1        7. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 3, wherein said  
2        commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.
- 1        8. (original) The method of trial purchase according to claim 4, wherein said  
2        commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.
- 1        9. (currently amended) A trial purchase system comprising:  
2                a plurality of terminals;  
3                commodity providing means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4        through a network for displaying information on a commodity for trial  
5        purchase on said terminal and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a

6 destination designated on said terminal when said commodity for trial  
7 purchase is specified on said terminal;  
8 means for determining whether or not the user has already performed a  
9 trial purchase procedure;  
10 means for performing for the user using said terminal, if said  
11 determination is “no”, said purchase procedure for trial purchase; and  
12 means for notifying the user at said terminal, if said determination is  
13 “yes”, that said trial purchase procedure cannot be provided ~~means for limiting~~  
14 ~~further use of said trial purchase system by users who have had prior~~  
15 ~~experience with said trial purchase system.~~

1 10. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2 commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said  
3 destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to said previously  
4 stored destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on said  
5 terminal.

1 11. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2 commodity providing means includes means for previously storing said  
3 destination and providing said commodity for trial purchase to a newly  
4 designated destination when said commodity for trial purchase is specified on  
5 said terminal and said new destination is designated therefor.

1 12. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, wherein said  
2 commodity providing means includes means for storing said newly designated  
3 destination.

1        13. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        14. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        15. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2        comprising customer information storing means for storing information on  
3        said destinations.

1        16. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        17. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 10, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        18. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 11, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1        19. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 12, further  
2        comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3        said commodity.

1       20. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 13, further  
2       comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3       said commodity.

1       21. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 14, further  
2       comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3       said commodity.

1       22. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 15, further  
2       comprising commodity information storing means for storing information on  
3       said commodity.

1       23. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2       to claim 13, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3       on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1       24. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2       to claim 14, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3       on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1       25. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2       to claim 15, said backup means comprising means for holding the information  
3       on the destinations stored in said customer information storing means.

1       26. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2       to claim 16, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3       information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        27. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 17, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
      information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        28. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 18, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        29. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 19, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        30. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 20, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        31. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 21, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        32. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the trial purchase system according  
2        to claim 22, said backup means comprising means for holding the commodity  
3        information stored in said commodity information storing means.

1        33. (original) The trial purchase system according to claim 9, wherein said  
2        commodity providing means includes means for providing said commodity for  
3        trial purchase at no charge.

1       34. (withdrawn) A method of gathering customer information on users of a  
2       plurality of terminals from said terminals connected to a network, said method  
3       comprising the steps of:

4               providing said terminal with information on a commodity for trial  
5       purchase to allow experience of a procedure of commodity purchase through  
6       said network; and

7               causing entry of customer information on a user who makes an order  
8       for a commodity based on said commodity information into said terminal  
9       when said order is received.

1       35. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2       claim 34, wherein said customer information is previously stored and said  
3       previously stored customer information is changeable when said commodity  
4       for trial purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1       36. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2       claim 35, further comprising the step of storing the name of said commodity  
3       for trial purchase in correspondence with the customer information of said  
4       user who ordered said commodity.

1       37. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2       claim 34, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1       38. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2       claim 35, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1       39. (withdrawn) The method of gathering customer information according to  
2       claim 36, wherein said commodity for trial purchase is free of charge.

1       40. (withdrawn) A customer information gathering system comprising:  
2               a plurality of terminals; and  
3               information gathering means connected to said plurality of terminals  
4       through a network for providing said terminal with information on a  
5       commodity for trial purchase to allow experience of a procedure of  
6       commodity purchase through said network and requiring entry of customer  
7       information on a user who makes an order for a commodity based on said  
8       commodity information when said order is received.

1       41. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 40, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3       previously storing said customer information and allowing a change in said  
4       previously stored customer information when said commodity for trial  
5       purchase is ordered on said terminal.

1       42. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 41, wherein said information gathering means includes means for  
3       storing the name of said commodity for trial purchase in correspondence with  
4       the customer information of said user who ordered said commodity.

1       43. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 41, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3       said customer information.

1       44. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 42, further comprising customer information storing means for storing  
3       said customer information.



1       45. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 40, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3       said information on said commodity.

1       46. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 42, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3       said information on said commodity.

1       47. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 43, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3       said information on said commodity.

1       48. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2       claim 44, further comprising commodity information storing means for storing  
3       said information on said commodity.

1       49. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2       system according to claim 43, said backup means comprising means for  
3       holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4       means.

1       50. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2       system according to claim 44, said backup means comprising means for  
3       holding said customer information stored in said customer information storing  
4       means.

1       51. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2       system according to claim 45, said backup means comprising means for

3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4 storing means.

1 52. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2 system according to claim 46, said backup means comprising means for  
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4 storing means.

1 53. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2 system according to claim 47, said backup means comprising means for  
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4 storing means.

1 54. (withdrawn) Backup means for use in the customer information gathering  
2 system according to claim 48, said backup means comprising means for  
3 holding said commodity information stored in said commodity information  
4 storing means.

1 55. (withdrawn) The customer information gathering system according to  
2 claim 40, wherein said information gathering system includes means for  
3 providing said commodity for trial purchase at no charge.

1 56. (withdrawn) A selling system, connected to a plurality of terminals  
2 through a network and held by a company, organization or the like providing a  
3 commodity in response to an order from said plurality of terminals, for  
4 providing a commodity for trial purchase for allowing users of said terminals  
5 to experience a purchase procedure of said commodity to a destination  
6 designated on said terminal, said selling system comprising means for  
7 displaying information on said commodity for trial purchase on said terminal

8           and making an order to provide said commodity for trial purchase to said  
9           destination designated on said terminal when said commodity is specified on  
10          said terminal.

1           57. (withdrawn) The selling system according to claim 56, further  
2           comprising means for providing said commodity for trial purchase at no  
3           charge.

1           58. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2           said selling system according to claim 56 and information accumulated in said  
3           selling system.

1           59. (withdrawn) Backup means comprising means for holding functions of  
2           said selling system according to claim 57 and information accumulated in said  
3           selling system.